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## FRANK J. CANNON ON MORMANISM

First U. S. Senator From Utah—Organizer Republican Party in Utah—Editor Rocky Mountain News.

The entire country is stirred at the present time over the disclosures which are being made by Ex-United States Senator Frank J. Cannon in his series of articles in Everybody's Magazine—a series on present day status of Mormonism and the part it plays in the American life as a whole and is likely to play in the future. These articles are written by a man who was Mormon Ambassador to Washington in 1888 and 1890, the son of the first counselor of the Mormon Church. These articles are of even more far reaching importance and intense interest than those of Thos. Lawson and those of Judge Ben Lindsey which appeared in the same magazine in the recent past and caused almost world-wide comment.

To the thousands of readers of this great and vital series, the announcement that Mr. Cannon is to go upon the lecture platform under Redpath management, the same bureau which booked Henry Ward Beecher, John B. Gough and Wendell Phillips, and which numbers on its list of the present day, the majority of the great orators and public men of our time, will be of unusual interest. To lecture course committees is offered a rare opportunity to present to their patrons a really great man at a time when his name is daily upon the lips of thousands of readers, some of whom are undoubtedly to be found in every town where there is a Lyceum course.

To thousands of people who are reading articles which have been running in Everybody's, the disclosures there made came like a bolt of lightning out of a clear sky. Many of us had supposed that Mormonism was an issue of the past. To the contrary, we are informed that 2500 Mormon missionaries are circulating throughout the United States, Canada, Mexico, the Hawaii Islands and Europe. They are gaining ground rapidly and not only in religious matters, but in political circles and in the world of business as well.

Hon. Frank J. Cannon was reared in the seclusion of the Salt Lake Valley in the environment of Mormon circles a thousand miles from any other civilization. Racially a Mormon, and proud of their achievements in many ways, he never avowed himself ecclesiastically a Mormon.

For years he has been fighting polygamy in the Mormon Church. When the Mormons pledged themselves to do better, he interceded for them at a time when they were threatened with disfranchisement. He took a prominent part in all the public affairs of the Mormons, all the time depending on their promises of reform. His antagonism to some of their practices however, which they persisted in despite their promises, finally resulted in his ex-communication from the church.

He opposed the election of Apostle Reed Smoot to the Senate, and when Smoot was finally seated Cannon withdrew from Utah, believing that little more could be done, at least for some time.

Hon. Mr. Cannon speaks with authority on matters of Mormonism, if ever a man did. The interest in this subject is also apparent from the fact that two other great magazines are running articles at this time on Mormonism.

The subject of Mr. Cannon's lecture will be "The Modern Mormon Kingdom."

Mr. Cannon will lecture at the Vinita High School Auditorium, Wednesday evening, December 4.

### Basketball at Centralia.

Saturday night at this place was played one of the best games of basketball that has ever been played in Craig county.

The game was between Centralia and Bluejacket and was full of interest and excitement from the first toss of the ball until the close of the game. Those who made special good plays were: For Bluejacket, Roscoe Tiley and Richard Wheatley. On the part of Centralia were: Claude Daniels and S. Graham.

Centralia outclassed Bluejacket in team work, but the latter team showed a skill in guarding that is rarely

equaled by any team, though they may have played basketball for years.

The most commendable feature of the game was the school enthusiasm and spirit in evidence on every side. Some of the visitors pretended that they would pay the little tots if they would cheer for the visiting team, but candy had no charms for even the first grade pupils when such a contest was being waged. They stood by their colors.

The people of Centralia gave the game a good crowd and showed the visiting team every consideration that even the most fastidious could desire, and from start to finish not one word escaped the lips of a single contestant that could be subject to just criticism. A more manly set of boys never met in a friendly contest.

The final score in the game stood fourteen to nine in favor of the Centralia team.

A SPECTATOR.

## NEW LEGISLATURE WILL BE HOUSED

White Temple May Be Given Free, If Masons So Decide.

Oklahoma City, Nov. 26.—As the time for the legislature approaches, the question of where it is to meet becomes more pressing, and is now engaging the serious attention of the state board of affairs. The latest location mentioned is the White temple, which, it is understood, the local Masonic fraternity is seriously considering offering free of any rental charges for housing the new lawmaking body. While the lodge has not taken definite action on the matter, it is understood the same will be done this week. The former Epworth university buildings, in the northwestern part of the city, two miles from the heart of the business section, have also been considered available property.

The India temple building, across Broadway from the Threadgill hotel, continues to be a likely prospect. Most of the legislators consulted are emphatically in favor of such a close-in location as against one so far out as the Epworth university halls, or even as far out as the Auditorium. The latest to express himself is Judge Frank Z. Curry of Tulsa, representative from that county, who has just returned home after a three-day stay here, during which he visited all the buildings which have been offered to the board of affairs for the legislature. "The India temple is the place," said Judge Curry. "It would be a mistake for us not to take this location. Under the arrangement proposed, there would be excellent quarters for the two houses and plenty of committee rooms, and the acoustics are to be especially recommended. The fact that the location is close in will insure a much better attendance of the members, and is an advantage in other important ways. I sincerely hope the board of affairs will close with the offer."

A Laugh Every Minute in "The Girl From Rector's."

"There's a laugh a minute, by actual count, during the playing time of 'The Girl From Rector's,' at Joe Weber's Theatre. Paul M. Potter's adaptation of the amusing, not to say startling, French farce 'Lute,' has caught the fancy of Broadway, and the walls of Weber's almost bulge nightly with the crowd."—New York American.

### Brown-Rutt.

Wm. D. Brown of Bluejacket, aged 32 years and Miss Trissie Rutt, aged 25 years, were united in marriage this morning by Judge Stanley.

WHAT OTHERS MAY NOT SEE.

If each man's secret, unguessed care,  
Were written on his brow,  
How many would our pity share,  
Who have our envy now!  
And if the promptings of each heart  
No artifice concealed,  
How many trusting friends  
Would part  
At what they saw revealed!

## JURSEY CATTLE SALE BIG SUCCESS

Buyers From All Parts of Country Here to Bid on Fancy Jersey Stock.

From Tuesday's Daily.

In point of arrangement and successful operation the Jersey stock sale yesterday at Windsor Place, the suburban home of A. L. Churchill, was the most complete ever seen in this section. Only those who have attended the big thoroughbred stock shows can appreciate the lengths to which Mr. Churchill had gone to make this sale a big success both to himself and the community. Characteristic of his business ability however, was this sale. It was thoroughly advertised and attracted buyers from all sections of the country.

Preceding the sale, which started promptly at 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon, the experts brought here by the M. K. & T. Railway company to demonstrate the practicability of farming by dynamite, gave an exhibition of breaking hard pan on the farm of O. L. Connor and stump blowing on the farm of Mr. Churchill. In the hard pan demonstration fifteen charges of dynamite about a quarter of a pound to the charge were placed fifteen feet apart and at a depth of about two feet. These were discharged by an ordinary fuse and cap such as could be used by any farmer. As one after another of the charges exploded the watchers could see an upheaval of the ground for several feet around the explosion. An examination of the result showed that the hard pan had been completely torn up and the soil was filtering through the crevices and would the rain, making possible the growth of alfalfa or any of the crops requiring deeper soil than that in this vicinity. In the demonstration of stump blowing a large oak stump, almost green was selected. Four holes were bored under the stump and a charge of dynamite placed in each of these holes. In all five and a half pounds of dynamite was used in the demonstration, although it was explained that half this amount would do the work as well. This charge was exploded by means of a battery connected by a wire about fifty yards long. The great stump was blown from its moorings and great chunks hurled a distance of a hundred yards. All who witnessed the demonstration believe that in the use of dynamite the farmers have a solution of the hard pan problem and stumpy land troubles.

After the dynamite demonstration the large crowd repaired to the large barn, where the ladies of the First Presbyterian church served a sumptuous dinner.

Immediately at 1 o'clock the sale of Jerseys began. This sale was in the hands of William Settles, one of the best known sales managers in the United States, while the auctioneer, Col. Perry, is said to have no equal in handling fancy cattle. Fifty-one head of fine cattle as has ever been brought to Oklahoma were sold at prices ranging from \$35 for an ordinary milch cow to \$300 for the fancy young registered heifers and bulls. These cattle will be taken to all parts of the southwest. Many were bought by Texas men. Mr. Hudson, dairyman from Tulsa purchased several head, as did Dr. Fortner, of this city. Dr. Fortner will use his purchases to improve his herd on the farm near Claremore.

### National Democratic League of Clubs of Vinita, Craig County.

President, J. J. Spencer; first vice president, E. N. Williamson; second vice president, C. R. Barnes; secretary, C. O. Berry; assistant secretary, Felix Ridenhour; sergeant at arms, Everett Hendricks; marshal, V. A. Kinison; delegate to Washington, J. J. Spencer.

Harold Bell Wright, the most popular American novelist, with the assistance of Elsborg W. Reynolds, has dramatized his most widely read novel "The Shepherd of the Hills." The first local presentation of this dramatization will take place at the Grand Theatre, Saturday, December 7th. It is a heart-stirring and a wholesome story and one that breathes the simple life of the mountains and the pasture, but yet sets forth human passions, ambitious endeavors, failures and successes. A story that should be even greater as a drama than as a novel.

## A FAR-REACHING COURT DECISION

Special Improvement Taxes Declared to Be Illegal.

A decision of far-reaching and unusual importance was rendered in Judge Davis' court here yesterday involving the validity of special improvement bonds for paving several blocks of the business streets of Vinita by E. J. Overly & Co., some three years ago. The suit was brought by Morris F. Knight against the estate of Dr. A. M. Clinkscales to recover the amount of the improvement tax levied against the lot upon which the Cherokee building at the corner of Wilson street and Canadian avenue stands. The case hinged upon the census of 1907 as ordered by President Roosevelt preparatory to the ratification of the state constitution. Judge Davis held the census of 1907 upon which the improvement bonds were issued was not a legal census and therefore improvement taxes levied thereunder are not legal and cannot be collected.

Vinita became a city of the first class based upon the Roosevelt census which showed a population of more than 3,000 whereas the government census of 1900 showed only a little more than 2,300.

If this decision stands the test of the higher courts, all the special improvement bonds issued against Vinita property are null and void, and the question arises as to whether Vinita is a city of the first class.

### Compliments of State Fair.

More than \$20,000 was distributed in premiums at the Oklahoma State Fair and Exposition, Oklahoma City, according to a report just made by Secretary I. S. Mahan, who was re-elected unanimously by the board of directors to guide the destinies of the 1913 state fair, to be held September 23 to October 4, 1913.

This large amount of money does not include the purses paid out in the speed department but represents money paid owners of live stock, premiums on farm products, county exhibits and other displays which represented to a large extent the enterprise of the people of Oklahoma. The following is a detailed statement of awards paid out: Beef cattle, \$4,161; dairy cattle, \$1,105; heavy horses \$2,255; jacks and jennets, \$179; mules \$80; light horses, \$500; horse show, \$2,695; sheep, \$722; swine, \$2,095; poultry, \$971.50; farm products \$597; county exhibits, \$1,235; horticulture, \$143; floriculture, \$184; dairy department, \$359.64; bees and honey, \$285; fine arts, \$408.50; educational, \$270.50; culinary, \$275.50; textile, \$605.75; boys' knif corn contest, \$200; boys' corn contest and boys' cotton contests yet to be ascertained.

Statistics show that the total number of exhibitors at the 1912 State Fair exceeded that of any previous year by at least one thousand, the total for 1912 being 2,359. There were exactly 8,073 entries in all classes, not including the speed department, as follows: Beef cattle, 423; dairy cattle, 152; heavy horses, 425; jacks and jennets, 41; mules, 6; light horses, 123; horse show 343; sheep, 165; swine, 617; poultry, 1,147; farm products, 642; county exhibits, 28; horticulture, 259; floriculture, 63; dairy, 89; apairy, 67; minerals, 52; fine arts, 504; education, 225; culinary, 1,231; textile, 1,471.

These figures show that a state-wide interest has been created in the Oklahoma State Fair and Exposition, and the directors at the annual meeting ordered a complete revision of the premium list for 1913 with a view of providing for a still greater variety of exhibits. Work of the premium book has already been begun by Secretary Mahan.

At the annual stockholders meeting, all of the old directors were re-elected and when the directors met to make plans for 1913, President John Fields indicated that his personal business would force him to retire. Resolutions of regret were adopted and J. L. Wilkin for three years treasurer of the state fair was elected president. Other officers elected: Vice president, Weston Atwood; secretary, I. S. Mahan; treasurer, J. F. Warren.

Contractor Corlett says that he is to build a new hotel at Pensacola in the near future.

### "Girl From Rector's" Score Big Hit.

"Viewed from the standpoint of the moralist, it would take a moralistic pessimist to find in 'The Girl From Rector's,' as given in Boston last night, anything worse than is seen in the average comedy, or in the social dramas which have been the stage successes for the past five years. There is not an indecent line spoken. The plot itself is suggestive of social intrigue. But this is broadly constructed and no more discernible than in the average play, and much less so than in many of the Shakespearean productions. The large audience, which filled the Boston Theatre to its utmost capacity, were evidently delighted. The reception of the artists who are giving the play was cordial in the extreme, and notable for its almost continual flow of laughter, and frequent and emphatic manifestations of applause." Grand Theatre next Saturday.

## THE GUN TOTER IS CONDEMNED

Governor Cruce covered a wide range of subjects in his message to the legislature and said so many good things that the papers have discussed it from many angles and with varying comment. The paragraph devoted to the evils of carrying concealed weapons deserves special commendation:

**Concealed Weapons.**  
"The records of homicides in this state show that a large per cent of them are committed by persons carrying concealed weapons. If a law could be passed and enforced that would put an end to the practice of carrying concealed weapons, the number of homicides would be reduced more than fifty per cent. It would not only be a great saving in human life, but it would result in a great saving to the people in the form of taxes in the lessening of the number of murder trials in the state. These trials are the most expensive item of conducting criminal courts, and any law that will tend to curtail this expense to the people would meet with approval."

By the statutes of this state it is made a felony to carry, whether concealed or not, upon your person a slung shot. Certainly it should be no less offense to carry a concealed deadly weapon. Under our present law, however, anyone convicted of carrying a concealed weapon about his person,—firearms of any description, is guilty only of a misdemeanor. There is no excuse for anyone, other than an officer, carrying upon his person a concealed weapon. The present practice indulged in by many in the state of carrying a pistol, only increases the peril of law abiding citizens, and places them at a disadvantage when coming in contact with the law violating element.

"I recommend that you amend the law and make it a felony for anyone, other than an officer of the law, while in the discharge of his official duty, to carry concealed about his person a deadly weapon."

### Pryor Bank Closed.

The First State Bank of Pryor closed its doors this morning and is in the hands of the state banking board. W. L. Jones is president, and J. C. Martin, cashier of this bank. It has a capital stock of \$25,000.

### NEWS FROM SPAVINAW.

There are now twenty-four new buildings under construction in the new town of Strang.

Mr. Cleave Johnson of Strang who has been very low with fever is some better.

Mr. Walter Young, our barber, was in Joplin last week and heard the men talking about the red granite on Chas. Williams farm near this town. They said they had two hundred and fifty dollars to put in on the quarry and further said that the work would begin just as soon as the M. O. & G. railroad was in operation so that they could ship their machinery to Strang. Hurrah for our little village.

Capt. White and family was here last week from Vinita for a few days hunting.

Mr. Reese of Strang has forty teams hauling his goods from Vinita.

Mr. Nate West is contemplating going to Elma, Wash., where his brother lives and spend the winter hunting bear and deer.

Misses Ruth and Willie West and Mrs. Isa Sharp went horseback riding to the commissary Sunday evening.

## W. E. RAMSEY MAY BE CONTESTED

No Withdrawal of Muskogee Man's Name Declares Cruce.

Oklahoma City, Nov. 26.—Governor Cruce's action in calling the state senate together to end the state board of education controversy created a sensation in political circles that is still agitating the politicians. There were no great developments in the matter Monday, except the probability that the governor's nomination of W. E. Ramsey, of Muskogee, may be contested in the senate.

It is understood that the faction that has been combating the governor has decided to concentrate its attack on Ramsey, and endeavor to defeat his confirmation. This lead to the report late Monday that the governor might submit another name in place of Ramsey, but this Governor Cruce emphatically denies:

"I will certainly send Mr. Ramsey's name to the senate," he said, "and I believe the senate will approve the appointment."

Mr. Ramsey and Governor Cruce served together on the board of regents of the state university from statehood to the second inauguration, and what the governor thought of the prominent Muskogean was shown when the latter was one of the first men named for the state board of education after it was created by the 1911 legislature.

Chief Clerk "Bill" Kerr in the governor's office was busy Monday going through law books and gubernatorial records, listing all the appointments made by the governor which must go to the senate for confirmation.

## SENATOR OWEN NO APPOINTMENTS

Will Consider No Applications Until Elected By Legislature.

Muskogee, Okla., Nov. 25.—United States Senator Owen is receiving a great volume of letters from all over the state asking endorsements for various public positions. He has taken the position that it would not be a proper thing for him to make any endorsements until after he has been re-elected as United States senator by the lawful authorities of the state. He believes that the appointments of officers should be based, first upon actual qualification and the ability to render the general public efficient service; second, that the candidate should be acceptable to the community where he is to serve and that he ought to be known as a friend of good government and be acceptable to the party organization.

Senator Owen says that there might arise a condition where the local party organization itself has not been entirely reliable, but that nevertheless great consideration should be shown to the party organization with a view to making it a strong factor in favor of good government. He says that the democratic party is responsible to the people of the party for honest and efficient government and that every effort should be made to accomplish this desired result and that he expects to advise the appointing power of the new administration along these lines.

The Oklahoma delegation in a meeting at Oklahoma City on Monday, November 18, agreed to make no recommendations until the 4th of March.

### State Board of Affairs Meets.

The state board of affairs was in the city yesterday and held a meeting to determine what appropriation they would ask the state legislature to make for the maintenance of the asylum at this place for the insane. They drove out and looked over the buildings and decided to ask for sixty-five thousand dollars for the year of 1914. The amount for the next year was not determined at this time.

There was another meeting this afternoon at the asylum buildings where for the first time the heating plant was used and the actual time for removing the patients was settled to be about the first of January, giving plenty of time to get the heating plant tested and to working right.